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know the difference, by George! between a battleship and a cruiser. Thought it was Ephraim who waxed fat and kicked until we told it that Joshua was the name of the gentleman, and has suffered such perversion of its literary taste, by a constant reading of Virginia dross, that it doesn't know what it is as good as North Carolina poetry."

Now isn't that pitiful? To refuse to write an honored and cherished friend to its party, simply because that friend, in the performance of duty, has been so spinning? The business is so childish that we chuck it into the contempt box and leave it there to rot. We very much doubt if the Observer is going to have a party, anyway. We've heard jealous tales talk that way before.

But see whether your spite will lead a jobless trot. Miserable pretender that it is, the Observer now tries to make the impression that it knows the truth. One day when the editor of The Times-Dispatch was at Sandusky, a type at the hat slipped in a paragraph about Ephraim waxing fat. Somebody told the Observer that it was Joshua who did that stunt, and our contemporary proceeded to claim its borrowed knowledge at The Times-Dispatch. We spared its feelings then, but now that it has cheap temper and reported the offense, we tell it that Joshua was not a man at all. "Joshua" was a political or symbolic name, for Israel, and as Ephraim was an Israelite, The Times-Dispatch's affirmation concerning him was entirely correct.

Now tell it to your Pink Tea Party—that is if you are really going to like it.

Is the Novel Passing?

In the view of many publishers and critics of books, the novel is doomed as a form of literary expression. An article in the Indianapolis News, which has called our attention to this interesting subject, records as the prevailing opinion of the experts that the output of novels has become so large and the not worth of them so insignificant, that the public, in its desire to read, is turning to other and fresher forms. The News, for its part, reaches the conclusion that only the weaknesses and excesses of the novel are destined for extinction and that true novel-form itself is likely to survive in increased strength and vigor.

Some kind of reaction against the conditions of modern fiction is possibly to be expected. Nowadays everybody seems to be writing a novel, and nearly everybody is writing them. It goes without saying that most of the books so read and written are trash of the purest sort, and the reader who picks them does a great many of them may discover in time that he has been feeling his interest in a paralytic that yields no nourishment. Yet new generations of readers are incessantly springing up who need to make this discovery for themselves, and whose minds are as yet unweakened by the weighty works that the novelists, say, of Mr. George Barrington or Mr. Hall Chase, in the matter of mental stimulation they want no little, and they know instinctively when to turn to it.

So, when we find nature remains as at present constituted, therefore, there seems no great likelihood of the passing of even the so-called modern novel. True, the novel, as we know it, is passing, and the novelists of the future will have to write in a new and different way, but the novel itself, as a form of literary expression, will survive.

As for the extinction of the novel as a means for the dissemination of ideas, nothing could well appear more improbable. The novel will live because there is nothing else that can possibly take its place. It is a literary device, the most perfect form of literary expression yet devised. The novel, because of its flexible plasticity, can mold itself to a subject with more ease than any other form of literary expression. It can deal with the most complex and intricate of subjects, and it can do so in a way that is both interesting and instructive. It is a form of literary expression that is both popular and enduring, and it is one that will continue to live and thrive for many years to come.

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men of character, ability and experience, men who know the needs of the nation and who are able to make an argument. Judge Saunders is such a man. In addition to the qualifications we have named, he is a local and forceful speaker, and his speeches in Congress would command attention and respect on behalf of the whole state of Virginia. We hope that he will be elected by a majority so large as to give him the outlet of a prominent position in the national House of Representatives.

Thomas D. McIver.

No man in the South has done more to advance the cause of education, and especially to dignify the calling of teaching, than the late Thos. D. McIver, of North Carolina, whose sudden death was announced in yesterday's Times-Dispatch. By his public addresses and in his writings for the newspapers and magazines, he impressed with overwhelming force the importance of educating the children, and the greater importance of committing their training to the best teachers. He was himself an educator of teachers, and the honorable institution at Greensboro, North Carolina, which he presided has been the scene of supplying to the North Carolina schools the class of teachers in whom he believed. Every graduate sent out from the State Normal School was not only trained in the art of instruction, but was infused with the spirit of McIver, and impressed with the dignity and sanctity of his calling.

Dr. McIver was a bundle of energy and nervous and spiritual force, and when death came it found him at work in the cause to which he had given his mind, his heart and his character in complete consecration.

The death is an irreparable loss to North Carolina and to the educational progress of the South, but the energy and spirit which he gave to the movement will be a continuing and perpetual momentum.

The Times-Dispatch finds some consolation in the remembrance that in his life he gave him words of comfort, good cheer and encouragement, and now that his career is closed, in sweet sorrow we lay upon his life this wreath of praise, sympathy and laurel.

The National Democratic Convention which met in Baltimore in 1904 and nominated Stephen A. Douglas for the presidency, adopted a platform which contained the following plank:

"Resolved, That the Democratic party are in favor of the acquisition of Cuba on such terms as shall be honorable to ourselves and just to Spain."

Virginia has sent her first bale of new cotton to Petersburg. What a State we have! We can grow anything in our soil except plants that are peculiar to the tropics. Virginia produces a considerable quantity of cotton each year, and Petersburg ranks as one of the largest cotton markets in the South.

Mr. E. H. Harrison, according to reports, has bought the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad with a little spare change he found in the pocket of a vest worn about the time of the fire in Pacific. This should help to satisfy those who have been wondering what he would do with it.

Captain Anderson, the Ark. explorer, says that he met the North Pole in his latest voyage. Possibly the Pole exists, however, that the Captain has the advantage.

"Geography may say 'Peace, Peace,' but there is no peace." As his Excellency, Mr. Gentry would doubtless observe, and he has been into the P. H. Henry family.

The Union Secretary of State wires his belief that peace is at hand. Excellent he has in mind peace, little he knows.

A young man arrested for fraud in Toledo asserts that he is Secretary of the P. H. Henry family.

These was also a brief space yesterday when our mind could understand why this is known as the last year.

Remember as it officially on September 21st of 1906. Write this in mountain ink on your slate-board.

Speaking of selling tactics, the Monmouth and Mount Airy seem to be pretty well grounded. Isn't that?

Down in China the peace doves seem to have gotten crossed with the war eagles.

McIntosh P. is retired, he led a morning newspaper and makes a noise like a cork.

And this person in stormy days like some that never look's a hurricane's eye.

Will you kindly handily expect rebels in the Gulf of Mexico to get Pacific?

Ever Havana troubles like Panama?

The Maine weather is no slouch.

The matter of who is "beast" in the dance step often makes trouble and causes confusion. We devote this medicinal dance has recently been in the hands of the patrons are numerous.

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**Rhymes for To-Day**

**Hat-Brushes With the Season.**

My old straw hat that came so late, About, I think, June 7,  
 Is now so full it soon must fall To grace the straw hat season.

I'll take that hat; it's been so black In life, O gentle ladies,  
 I fear its path of afterlife Will reach the straw hat season.

How often that hat, I plainly see, Is shot its little arrow,  
 To grace the straw hat season Upon the straw hat season.

Then being left all hat bereft, I dread the hat-ship season,  
 Yet there I fly and gladly try On Alpines and Fedoras.

In vain they tell that I look well— "Condemned their 'Nobly, sir' bet,"  
 The looking-glass reflects an ass; It's me—beneath a derby!

Oh, I would raise sweet hymns of praise To celebrate some season,  
 To him who would yield the mart Good inter-season bonnets.

**MERELY JOKING.**

**The Reverse.**

First friend on deck of ocean steamer to seek companion,  
 "Have you a friend?" "On the deck," "No," "Then I am alone."

**Some of It Isn't.**

The place is realistic, then, says "It is a fact,"  
 "Woman stop on a street corner and wait," "What's the matter?" "I'm waiting for a man."

**A Rabid View.**

"Now, professor," said Miss Key, "you know what a rabid view is?" "Yes," "What is it?" "A view that is not a view."

**Spelled.**

Are you making any progress with Miss Phyllis? "Not much," "What's the matter?" "I'm waiting for a man."

**On Account.**

"There's the worst party, really, I ever attended," said the first friend, "Yes, I used to go to parties, but I never enjoyed them."

**POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS.**

Once as it falls in type, most paragraphs are written by the same man, and the result is a monotony that is not a monotony.

In time it may come to a few more Americans who will be the first to see the light, and the result will be a monotony that is not a monotony.

It is to be noted that the paragraphs are the authors of the paragraphs, and the result is a monotony that is not a monotony.

The latest addition to North Carolina is a new member of the family, and the result is a monotony that is not a monotony.

New Congressmen, taken from the list, are the authors of the paragraphs, and the result is a monotony that is not a monotony.

May MacLaren says she has been told by a friend that she is a great success, and the result is a monotony that is not a monotony.

**VIRGINIA COMMENT.**

**Williamsburg's Opportunity.**

The proposition to have a female seminary here is now before the people of Williamsburg, and the result is a monotony that is not a monotony.

**Comes Home to Virginia.**

In spite of all that has been said, we may be sure that the proposition to have a female seminary here is now before the people of Williamsburg, and the result is a monotony that is not a monotony.

**A Platform Within Himself.**

Any man who takes his time to read the papers will find that the proposition to have a female seminary here is now before the people of Williamsburg, and the result is a monotony that is not a monotony.

**What It Means.**

There are many people who do not know what a female seminary is, and the result is a monotony that is not a monotony.

**Educational Progress.**

The schools of the county open next Monday, and the result is a monotony that is not a monotony.

**A DIVISION OF THE PHOEBUS ESTATE**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
 HAMPTON, VA., September 18.—The will of the late Mrs. Annie J. Phoebe, who left an estate of nearly half a million dollars, has been probated in the Circuit Court here. Mrs. Phoebe, a widow, was a native of Virginia, and her estate was divided among her children and grandchildren.

The children of Mrs. Phoebe are Mrs. Annie J. Phoebe, Mrs. B. Phoebe, Mrs. C. Phoebe, Mrs. D. Phoebe, Mrs. E. Phoebe, Mrs. F. Phoebe, Mrs. G. Phoebe, Mrs. H. Phoebe, Mrs. I. Phoebe, Mrs. J. Phoebe, Mrs. K. Phoebe, Mrs. L. Phoebe, Mrs. M. Phoebe, Mrs. N. Phoebe, Mrs. O. Phoebe, Mrs. P. Phoebe, Mrs. Q. Phoebe, Mrs. R. Phoebe, Mrs. S. Phoebe, Mrs. T. Phoebe, Mrs. U. Phoebe, Mrs. V. Phoebe, Mrs. W. Phoebe, Mrs. X. Phoebe, Mrs. Y. Phoebe, Mrs. Z. Phoebe, Mrs. A. Phoebe, Mrs. B. Phoebe, Mrs. C. Phoebe, Mrs. D. Phoebe, Mrs. E. Phoebe, Mrs. F. Phoebe, Mrs. G. Phoebe, Mrs. H. Phoebe, Mrs.